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CATOMIC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY - FY 76

A. PURPOSE: To support the operational efforts of [] under Objective A (Soviet Union).

B. DESCRIPTION:

1. General: CATOMIC Operational Activity covers [] access agent program targeted primarily against PCS Soviets assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Bonn and the Soviet Trade Mission in Cologne. To a somewhat lesser degree, CATOMIC assets are targeted against selected Eastern Bloc officials.

2. Agents and Assets:

a. CATOMIC/6 - a West German free-lance journalist who was recruited in July 1969 (OA: April 1970). Widow of a former Pakistani diplomat, she still maintains contact in local diplomatic circles and enjoys access to Soviet and Soviet Bloc journalists. At our behest, CATOMIC/6 has renewed her relationship with a Yugoslav journalist (VSDESK) of interest. Articles written by CATOMIC/6 are placed by [] asset.

b. CATOMIC/8 - the widow of AEBOGUS and a Russian language instructor at Cologne University (OA: August 1972). Her primary duty is to spot agent candidates. Due to the press of her professional responsibilities, CATOMIC/8 has been inactive thus far this fiscal year. She receives no salary.

c. CATOMIC/23 - a Greek citizen born in Romania, who was recruited in February 1971 (OA: December 1971). As a wholesale jeweler, CATOMIC/23 has occasional Soviet customers to whom he offers special "deals" to attract additional business from the local Soviet community. He receives no salary and what he does receive for operational expenses is minimal.

d. CATOMIC/36 - a West German architect and city planner, was originally recruited by Berlin Base (OA: June 1966). He agreed to continue his cooperation when he moved to Eisingen in July 1971, but his contacts

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were marginal until June 1973 when he provided the lead to a Hungarian biochemist who is now an FR Division target. During the past year, CATOMIC/36 established contact with a Soviet Embassy official of interest [redacted]. He receives a salary of the equivalent of \$165 per month and is reimbursed for expenses.

e. CATOMIC/37 - a West German housewife, was recruited in August 1971 as a tracking asset (OA: January 1972). She has since married (her husband has also been granted an OA and is witting of her collaboration) and motherhood has forced her to reduce her activities on our behalf. At present, CATOMIC/37 engages solely in support work for a salary of the equivalent of \$60 per month.

f. CATOMIC/40 - a widowed executive secretary, and CATOMIC/41, a medical doctor, have been handled as a team since their recruitment in January 1971 (OA for CATOMIC/40: December 1971, and for CATOMIC/41: January 1972). They currently serve as LP keepers for the PDHUM audio operation and have established a social relationship with PDHUM (Soviet journalist) and wife. Neither is paid a salary, but both are reimbursed for expenses incurred in our behalf. We also pay the monthly rent for the LP. Annual expenditures average \$735 per annum.

g. CATOMIC/47 - an independent West German real estate agent was recruited in February 1972 (OA: October 1972) to provide information on Soviet and Eastern Bloc officials with whom he has professional contact. He also provides leads to LP/OP sites for Soviet and Chinese operations. CATOMIC/47 is given bonuses for work accomplished plus expenses averaging \$1300 per annum.

h. CATOMIC/52 - a West German businessman who deals with the Soviet Trade Mission and a Soviet-West German joint trading company. He was recruited in April 1972 (OA: February 1972) to report on his Soviet contacts. At present he is operationally inactive and receives no salary.

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i. CATOMIC/70 - a former LP keeper in Berlin was recontacted [] in 1973 to function as a tracking asset. She was granted an OA in July 1973 and her husband, CATOMIC/71, was also cleared and is witting of his wife's collaboration with us. CATOMIC/70 is currently inactive and is paid only for individual tasks performed.

j. CATOMIC/72 and 73 were recruited in March 1973 because their apartment in Cologne is an ideal OP for the new Soviet Trade Mission and residential high-rise. (OA: October 1973.) They receive no salary, but we pay \$240 per month rent and utilities to maintain control of their apartment during their two-year sabbatical in the Philippines.

k. CATOMIC/75 - a free-lance Egyptian journalist presently employed by the West German Press and Information Office was recruited in June 1973 (OA: September 1973) for use against Soviet and Arab targets. During FY 75 CATOMIC/75 provided useful information on PDTOWHEE (Soviet journalist) and, in particular, on the latter's West German girlfriend. He receives a salary of the equivalent of \$200 per month plus expenses averaging another \$35.00 per month.

l. CATOMIC/76 - a U.S. citizen who serves as sales manager of optical equipment for a U.S. firm in Stuttgart. He was recruited in November 1973 (OA: 1 March 1974) to provide information on a West German R&D project of interest to OSI and to report on his contacts in the USSR and Bloc countries. CATOMIC/76 is unsalaried. Related expenses average \$65.00 per month.

m. CATOMIC/77 - a young West German journalist who is not an agent but a witting and cooperative contact (OA: 7 August 1974). He was in professional contact with [] target PDCAPRI (Soviet journalist), but this contact has atrophied. He is unsalaried.

n. CATOMIC/79 - an ethnic Russian of Tatar extraction who was recruited in November 1974 as a possible access agent to PDOBSTACLE (OA: 2 January 1975). He did not succeed in establishing

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contact thus far in FY 75, but did renew a relationship with an ethnic Tatar acceptance engineer assigned to the Soviet Trade Mission. CATOMIC/79 is paid the equivalent of \$200 per month for expenses and entertainment.

o. CATOMIC/80 - a 36-year-old West German female employed by the Federal Press Office, has extensive but as yet superficial contact with Soviet, Eastern Bloc and other foreign journalists (OA: 5 January 1974). She is unsalaried. Related expenses average \$20.00 per month.

p. CATOMIC/83 - a young, West German journalist who enjoys contacts with Soviet and other foreign press members (OA: 20 November 1973). He is an unpaid collaborator but not a recruited agent.

q. CATOMIC/84 (formerly CAMETRIC) - a 61-year-old German businessman and entrepreneur who is extremely adept as a door-to-door operational support asset, pretext interviewer, market researcher, etc. He was transferred to the CATOMIC project in February 1975. (OA: 25 May 1964.) He receives the equivalent of \$570 per month plus overtime and expenses averaging \$230 per month.

3. Terminations: During FY 75, CATOMICS-14, 21, 31, 55, 59, 62, 64 and 78 were terminated.

4. Transfers:

a. CATOMIC/33, a former Syrian diplomat who is currently employed as a free-lance journalist, was transferred to the CATHATCH Operational Activity and re-encrypted CAFLUSH.

b. CATOMIC/50 (now UNSONNET/1) has been an agent of [] since she moved to France on a new professional assignment.

c. CATOMIC/74, a Greek diplomat, was transferred [] when his extended TDY at the SAIT talks turned into a PCS assignment.

d. CATOMIC/82 accepted a job in Italy and was transferred []

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5. Technical Operations:

- a. The woodblock installed in the apartment used for meetings with PDTOWHEE was removed after the target's PCS departure in July 1974 (Cost: \$3,000 per year).
- b. The telephone tap and audio installation in the PDHUM apartment are still being maintained for selected monitoring. They continue to provide useful information on PDHUM, his wife and friends/contacts (Cost: \$3,700 per year).
- c. A camera has been installed in the residence of [] officer to provide photographic coverage of PDCAPRI, his family, and his visitors as part of our operational program against this primary target.
- d. [] has recently acquired two adjacent apartments for the PDHUM operation. One will be used for [] officer's meetings with PDHUM and the other as the associated LP (Cost: \$5,400 per year).
- e. The CATOMIC/72, /73 apartment will continue to be maintained as an OP against the new Soviet Trade Mission and high-rise (Cost: \$2,900 per year). It also provides the capability to photograph STM personnel from this apartment.
- f. [] also continues to maintain an apartment as an OP overlooking the entrance to the high-rise in Bonn-Bad Godesberg in which most officials of the Soviet Embassy reside. This facility provides photo coverage of Soviet officials and their visitors (Cost: \$2,900 per year).
- g. West German liaison, which provides intercept material from Soviet and selected Eastern Bloc installations, switched in March 1975 from open reel to cassette recording equipment in teletap operations. It was necessary to purchase compatible cassette recorders [] use (Cost: \$2,040).

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C. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. The various CATOMIC assets were active during FY 75 and succeeded in the assessment and development of Soviet and Eastern Bloc officials of interest [] []. They also provided operational leads and directly or indirectly assisted in the introduction of staff officers to specific targets.
2. In particular, we note the efforts made by CATOMICs/40 and /41 to introduce a case officer to PDHUM. Although this relationship did not really succeed, C/40 and /41 have established their own social relationship with PDHUM and his wife.
3. CATOMIC/36 made contact with PDDILL by walking into the Soviet Embassy at our behest with a request for professional assistance. He then drew PDDILL outside of the Embassy and has worked hard at developing a more personal relationship with this interesting S&T officer. CATOMIC/36 has also continued to provide us with useful insights regarding the FR Division target ZUCELL.
4. CATOMIC/6 has renewed her previously close relationship with VSDESK who is again of operational interest since his son committed suicide.
5. Although Soviet access agents do not usually provide positive intelligence reporting, CATOMIC agents provided two reports which were disseminated and evaluated as information of minor importance.

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